

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the application by inserting the following paragraph at the top of page 1, immediately underneath the title "HIGHLY TRANSFORMABLE BACTERIAL CELLS AND METHODS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME":

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/846,996, filed May 1, 1997. U.S. Patent Application No. 08/846,996 is incorporated herein by reference for any purpose.